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Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing

The Commission for Social Development recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The General Assembly,

Recalling the World Assembly on Ageing, held in Vienna in 1982, which adopted the International Plan of Action on Ageing,[1]

Reaffirming the importance of the United Nations Principles for Older Persons, as adopted by its resolution 46/91 of 16 December 1991,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 54/24 of 10 November 1999 and previous resolutions on ageing and the International Year of Older Persons,

Acknowledging the initiatives undertaken and the momentum generated, at all levels, towards addressing the challenge of ageing and the concerns and

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[1] See *Report of the World Assembly on Ageing, Vienna, 26 July-6 August 1982* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.16), chap. VI, sect. A.

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contributions of ageing and older persons by the celebration of the International Year of Older Persons, and convinced of the necessity of ensuring an action-oriented follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons, with a view to sustaining that momentum,

Recalling resolution 37/2 adopted by the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-seventh session,

Bearing in mind that, by resolution 54/24, the Commission for Social Development has been entrusted, with the revision of the International Plan of Action on Ageing and the elaboration of a long-term strategy on ageing,

Recalling the offer at its fifty-fourth session, of the Government of Spain, to host a second World Assembly on Ageing in 2002,

1. *Decides* to convene a Second World Assembly on Ageing in 2002, on the occasion of the twentieth anniversary of the Vienna World Assembly on Ageing, devoted to the overall review of the outcome of the first World Assembly, as well as to the adoption of a revised plan of action and a long-term strategy on ageing, encompassing its periodic reviews, in the context of a society for all ages;

2. *Stresses* that, in fulfilling these objectives, the Second World Assembly would give particular attention, inter alia, to:

(a) Action-oriented measures to be taken by societies in a comprehensive response to the current ageing processes, on the basis of the best practices and lessons learned during the International Year of Older Persons, and bearing in mind the social, cultural and economic realities of each society;

(b) Linkages between ageing and development, with particular attention to the needs and perspectives of developing countries;

(c) Measures to mainstream ageing within the context of current global development agendas;

(d) Appropriate forms of public/private partnership, including with non-governmental organizations, at all levels, for building societies for all ages;

(e) Measures to strengthen the solidarity between generations, keeping in mind the needs of both older and younger generations;

3. *Accepts* the offer of the Government of Spain to host the Second World Assembly on Ageing, and decides that the Second World Assembly will be held in Spain, in April 2002;

4. *Invites* all Member States of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and observers, as well as other intergovernmental organizations, in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly, to participate at a high-level in the Second World Assembly on Ageing;

5. *Invites* non-governmental organizations in the field of ageing, as well as research institutions and representatives of the private sector to participate in and contribute to the Second World Assembly on Ageing and its preparatory process, including, inter alia, organizing meeting and studies related to the themes of the Second World Assembly;

6. *Decides* that the Commission for Social Development shall serve as the preparatory committee for the Second World Assembly on Ageing and, as such, will be open to the participation of all Member States of the United Nations, members of the specialized agencies and observers, in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consult Governments, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to elicit their views on progress in and obstacles to the implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing, as well as on priority issues to be addressed in a revised plan of action and a long-term strategy on ageing;

8. *Invites* the Secretary-General to establish a technical committee, funded through voluntary contributions, to assist him in the formulation of proposals during the preparatory process to the Commission for Social Development;

9. *Stresses* that the technical committee should ensure, in its composition, an adequate geographical balance among its members, who will serve in a personal capacity, and the integration of multidisciplinary backgrounds, including perspectives from the research institutions, non-governmental organizations in the field of ageing, the private sector and older persons themselves;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to encourage the active participation of the United Nations programmes, funds and the specialized agencies and related organizations in the preparations for the Second World Assembly on Ageing, inter alia, within the framework of the Administrative Committee on Coordination and its subsidiary machinery;

11. *Invites* all relevant organs of the United Nations system, including the regional commissions, funds and programmes, the specialized agencies and the Bretton Woods institutions, to participate in the Second World Assembly and in its preparatory process;

12. *Encourages* Member States and other actors to support the preparatory activities by the Secretariat so as to ensure the quality of the outcome of the Second World Assembly and to provide voluntary contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for Ageing in support of preparatory activities of the Second Assembly, including the participation of least developed countries in the Assembly;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session on the implementation of the present resolution under the item devoted to social development.

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Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons

The Commission for Social Development

Recalling General Assembly resolution 54/24 of 10 November 1999 on the "Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: a society for all ages",

Recalling also resolution 37/2 adopted by the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-seventh session,

Bearing in mind that General Assembly resolution 54/24 has entrusted the Commission for Social Development with the revision of the International Plan of Action on Ageing and the elaboration of a long-term strategy on ageing for 2002,

1. *Decides* to establish an in-session open-ended working group of the Commission for Social Development, during its thirty-ninth and fortieth sessions in 2001 and 2002, devoted to the revision of the International Plan of Action on Ageing and the elaboration of a long-term strategy on ageing for presentation to the second World Assembly on Ageing;

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2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the Commission at its thirty-ninth session, in an integrated way, a first draft of a long-term strategy on ageing and a draft revised plan of action, as requested by General Assembly resolution 54/24;

3. *Recommends* that the Economic and Social Council extend until 2002 the mandate of the Consultative Group of the Commission for Social Development for the preparation for the International Year of Older Persons, in order to serve as a forum for exchanging views on the preparations for the second World Assembly on Ageing as a follow-up activity to the International Year;

4. *Decides* to postpone the fifth review and appraisal of the International Plan of Action until finalization of the activities for the revision of the Plan and the elaboration of the long-term strategy on ageing.

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      (i) Priority theme: enhancing social protection and reducing vulnerability in a globalizing world;

      (ii) Sub-theme: the role of volunteerism in the promotion of social development;

   (b) Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on enhancing social protection and reducing vulnerability in a globalizing world

Report of the Secretary-General on the role of volunteerism in the promotion of social development

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons

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6. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its thirty-ninth session.

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Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Commission, Ms. Jaminska Dinić (Croatia), on the basis of informal consultations

The Commission for Social Development recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Further promotion of equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolutions 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which the Assembly adopted the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, 48/96 of 20 December 1993, by which it adopted the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, and 52/82 of 12 December 1997 and 54/121 of 17 December 1999,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolutions 1997/19 of 21 July 1997 on equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities and 1997/20 of 21 July 1997 on children with disabilities, Commission on Human Rights resolution 1998/31 of 17 April 1998 on the human rights of persons with disabilities,[1] and other relevant resolutions of the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and its functional commissions,

Recalling further the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, and reaffirming the obligations contained in relevant human rights

[1] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1998, Supplement No. 3* (E/1998/23), chap. II, sect. A.

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instruments, including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women[2] and the Convention on the Rights of the Child,[3]

Recalling the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Summit for Social Development,[4] in which Governments are requested to promote the Standard Rules and to develop strategies for their implementation,

Reaffirming the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits and their respective follow-up reviews, in particular as they pertain to the promotion of the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities on the basis of their full participation and equality,

Mindful of the need to adopt and implement effective strategies and policies to promote the rights and the full and effective participation of persons with disabilities in economic, social, cultural and political life, on the basis of equality, to achieve a society for all,

Noting with great concern that persons with disabilities in some circumstances are among the poorest of the poor and continue to be excluded from the benefits of development, such as education and access to gainful employment,

Noting with satisfaction that the Standard Rules play an important role in influencing the promotion, formulation and evaluation of policies, plans, programmes and actions at the national, regional and international levels to further the equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities,

Acknowledging the active role played by non-governmental organizations, including organizations of persons with disabilities, in cooperation with Governments and relevant intergovernmental bodies and organizations to promote awareness and support implementation and evaluation of the Standard Rules at the national, regional and international levels,

Recognizing that the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability has relied on a narrow donor base, and that a sustained and predictable financial basis for the execution of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the implementation of the Standard Rules needs a broadening of its donor base,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the valuable work done by the Special Rapporteur on disability of the Commission for Social Development, and welcomes his report on his second mission (1997-2000);[5]

2. *Takes further note with appreciation* of the important efforts of Governments as well as non-governmental organizations and academic institutions during the first and second missions of the Special Rapporteur to build capacities to implement the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities at the national, regional and interregional levels;[6]

3. *Welcomes* the many initiatives and actions of Governments, relevant United Nations bodies and organizations, including the Bretton Woods institutions,

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[2] General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex.

[3] General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex.

[4] *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[5] E/CN.5/2000/3, annex.

[6] E/CN.5/2000/3.

and non-governmental organizations to further implement the goal of full participation and equality for persons with disabilities in accordance with the Standard Rules;

4. *Urges* Governments, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to take practical action to create greater awareness and support to further implement the Standard Rules, and to consider taking further initiatives, as appropriate, with special emphasis accorded, as noted in the Special Rapporteur's report,[7] to the human rights of persons with disabilities, children with disabilities and their families, gender aspects, in particular the issue of discrimination of girls and women with disabilities, and the situation of persons with developmental and psychiatric disabilities, with a focus on integrating such persons into society;

5. *Further urges* the relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, including relevant human rights treaty bodies, within their respective mandates, the regional commissions, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to work closely with the United Nations programme on persons with disabilities to promote the rights of persons with disabilities, including activities at the field level, by sharing knowledge, experiences, findings and recommendations concerning persons with disabilities;

6. *Also encourages* the United Nations system, the Bretton Woods institutions and Governments to enhance cooperation, through appropriate mechanisms, with organizations of persons with disabilities or concerned with disability issues so as to implement the Standard Rules in an effective and coordinated manner;

7. *Decides* to renew the mandate of the Special Rapporteur for a further period through the year 2002 so that the results of his continued promotion and monitoring of the implementation of the Standard Rules, in accordance with section IV of the Standard Rules, will be available to the fourth quinquennial review and appraisal of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/82, and to request the Special Rapporteur, assisted by the United Nations Secretariat and in consultation with his panel of experts, to prepare a report for submission to the Commission for Social Development at its fortieth session, in which he should, inter alia, present his views on further developing the proposals contained in his report on his second mission[5] and on forms for complementing and developing the Standard Rules, and on how to enhance the involvement of the relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system and relevant intergovernmental regional organizations regarding the implementation of the Standard Rules;

8. *Encourages* States Parties to include in their reports to the relevant treaty bodies information on persons with disabilities, and reiterates its invitation to the Special Rapporteur and the relevant human rights treaty bodies, including the Committee on the Rights of the Child, within their respective mandates, to enhance their cooperation, as appropriate, to ensure that the rights of persons with disabilities are appropriately addressed;

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[7] E/CN.5/2000/3, annex, paras. 92-116.

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite relevant organizations of the United Nations system to provide upon request advisory services to Governments, inter alia, on formulating and evaluating disability-sensitive policies and programmes, on reinforcing the disability dimension in mainstream technical cooperation activities, and for building national capacities and institutions to further equalization of opportunities in accordance with the Standard Rules, and to provide a report to the Commission at its fortieth session;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen and improve mechanisms for consultation, exchange of information and coordination, as appropriate, and active participation of relevant United Nations bodies, specialized agencies and related organizations to further implement the Standard Rules, inter alia, within the framework of the Administrative Committee on Coordination;

11. *Urges* relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system to identify ways and means and to develop within their existing programmes support services and related initiatives to improve living conditions for persons with developmental and psychiatric disabilities, in particular women and children;

12. *Encourages* Governments, non-governmental organizations and the private sector to continue to contribute to the United Nations Voluntary Fund on Disability so that it is able to support on a predictable and sustained basis new and expanded initiatives at the regional, subregional and national levels to strengthen national capacities for equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities, and the activities of the Special Rapporteur during his renewed mandate;

13. *Urges* Governments to observe the International Day of Disabled Persons (3 December)[8] as an opportunity for promoting the human rights of persons with disabilities and for raising awareness of their special needs with a view towards their full and effective participation in society;

14. *Encourages* international support for the African Decade of Disabled People, 2000-2009, to promote equalization of opportunities by, for and with persons with disabilities as well as to promote and protect their human rights.

[8] General Assembly resolution 47/3.

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Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development: priority theme: contribution of the Commission to the overall review of the implementation of the outcome of the Summit

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman of the Commission, Luis Carranza-Cifuentes (Guatemala), on the basis of informal consultations

The Commission for Social Development,

Recalling decision 2 adopted by the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives at its first session, entitled "Further preparations for the special session",[1] in which it invited the Commission for Social Development, at its thirty-eighth regular session, to undertake the overall review of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development, and to transmit the results of its deliberations to the Preparatory Committee at its second session,

Having considered its priority theme for 2000, "Contribution of the Commission to the overall review of the implementation of the outcome of the Summit",

Decides to adopt the agreed conclusions on the overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development contained in the annex to the present resolution and to transmit them to the Preparatory Committee at its second session in April 2000.

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 45* (A/54/45), para. 72.

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